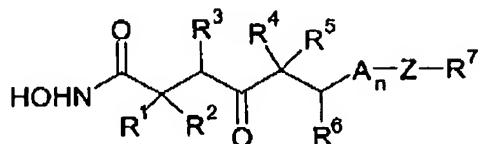


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Claim Listing:

1. (Currently amended) A compound selected from the group of compounds represented by Formula (I):



wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are, independently of each other, hydrogen or alkyl;

R² is: (i) cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocyclo or heterocycloalkyl; or
 (ii) -(alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -O-, -NR⁸-, -S(O)_n- (where n is 0, 1 or 2), -C=O, -CONR⁸-, -NR⁸SO₂- or -C(=NR⁸)NR⁸SO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or
 (iii) (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is -NR⁸CO- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl; or
 (iv) R² and R³ form an alkylene or heteroalkylene chain;

R³ is hydrogen or alkyl;

R⁶ is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

R⁵ is:

(i) hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, aralkenyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heteroaralkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or -(alkylene)-C(O)-X¹ where X¹ is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or NR'R" (where R' and R" are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R" form an alkylene chain); or

(ii) R⁵ and R⁴ form an alkylene chain; or

(iii) R⁵ and R⁶ form an alkylene chain;

n is 0 or 1;

A is -(C=O)-CH(R⁹)-(CH₂)_m-N(R¹⁰)- wherein:

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m is an integer from 0-5 inclusive;

R^9 is hydrogen, alkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl, heteroaralkyl, heterocycloalkyl, heteroalkyl, or $-(alkylene)-C(O)-X^1$ where X^1 is alkyl, hydroxy, alkoxy, aryl, aralkyl, aryloxy, aralkyloxy, heteroaryl, heteroaryloxy, heteroaralkyloxy or $NR'R''$ (where R' and R'' are independently H or alkyl, or R' and R'' form an alkylene chain); and

R^{10} is hydrogen, alkyl, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl;

Z is $Y-B^2$ wherein:

Y is alkylene or a bond; and

B^2 is $-CONR^8-$, $-SO_2-$, or $-SO_2NR^8-$ (where R^8 is hydrogen or alkyl), alkylene (optionally substituted by hydroxy, alkoxy, amino, monoalkylamino, or dialkylamino) or a bond;

R^7 is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl;

provided that when $n = 0$ and Z is SO_2 , then R^2 does not contain an imidazole group; and their pharmaceutically acceptable salts [.,] ~~prodrugs, individual isomers, and mixtures of isomers.~~

2. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 0.

3. (Original) The compound of Claim 2 wherein R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

4. (Original) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:

R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

5. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 4 wherein:

Z is $-S(O)_2-$.

6. (Original) The compound of Claim 5 wherein:

Z is $-C(O)O-$ or $-S(O)_2-$.

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7. (Original) The compound of Claim 6 wherein, R^2 is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolylmethyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

8. (Original) The compound of Claim 7 wherein R^2 is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

9. (Original) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
 R^7 is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

10. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 8 wherein:
 R^7 is optionally substituted benzyl.

11. (Original) The compound of Claim 9 wherein:
 Z is SO_2- and R^7 is aryl or heteroaryl.

12. (Original) The compound of Claim 10, wherein:
 R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

13. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 12 wherein R^5 is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

14. (Original) The compound of Claim 11, wherein:
 R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

15. (Original) The compound of Claim 14 wherein R^5 is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

16. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 3, wherein:
 R^2 is (alkylene)- B^1 -X where B^1 is -O-, $-\text{NR}^8-$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-$ (where n is 0, 1 or 2), $-\text{C}=\text{O}$, $-\text{CONR}^8-$, $-\text{NR}^8\text{CO}_2-$, $-\text{NR}^8\text{SO}_2-$ or $-\text{C}(\text{=NR}^8)\text{NSO}_2-$ $-\text{C}(\text{=NR}^8)\text{NR}^8\text{SO}_2-$ (where R^8 is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

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17. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 16, wherein:

Z is $-S(O)_2-$.

18. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 17, wherein

R^2 is CH_2-B^1-X and B^1 is $-NHCO_2-$ and X is benzyl.

19. (Original) The compound of Claim 18 wherein:

R^7 is aryl or aralkyl.

20. (Original) The compound of Claim 19, wherein:

R^1 and R^4 are hydrogen and R^5 is alkyl.

21. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 20 wherein R^5 is [(S,S)-] 1-methylpropyl.

22. (Original) The compound of Claim 1 wherein:

n is 1.

23. (Original) The compound of Claim 22 wherein m is 0 and R^3 and R^6 are hydrogen.

24. (Original) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:

R^2 is aralkyl or heteroaralkyl.

25. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 24, wherein:

Z is $-S(O)_2-$.

26. (Original) The compound of Claim 25, wherein:

Z is $-C(O)O-$ or $-S(O)_2-$.

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27. (Original) The compound of Claim 26 wherein R² is 4-t-butoxybenzyl, 3-chlorobenzyl, 3-indolyl methyl, 2-thienylmethyl, 4-imidazolylmethyl or 4-thiazolylmethyl.

28. (Original) The compound of Claim 27 wherein R² is 4-thiazolylmethyl.

29. (Original) The compound of Claim 28 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

30. (Canceled)

31. (Original) The compound of Claim 29 wherein:

Z is -SO₂- and R⁷ is aryl.

32-33. (Cancelled)

34. (Original) The compound of Claim 31, wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

35. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 34 wherein R⁵ is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

36. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 23, wherein:

R² is (alkylene)-B¹-X where B¹ is O-, -NR⁸-, S-, -C=O, -CONR⁸-, -NR⁸CO₂-, -NSO₂- or -C(-NR⁸)NSO₂- (where R⁸ is H or alkyl), and X is cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, heteroaryl or heteroaralkyl.

37. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 36, wherein:

Z is -S(O)₂ .

38. (Previously presented) The compound of Claim 37, wherein R² is CII₂-B¹-X and B¹ is

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-NHCO₂- and X is benzyl.

39. (Original) The compound of Claim 38 wherein:

R⁷ is aryl or aralkyl.

40. (Original) The compound of Claim 39, wherein:

R¹ and R⁴ are hydrogen and R⁵ is alkyl.

41. (Currently amended) The compound of Claim 40 wherein R⁵ is [[(S,S)-]] 1-methylpropyl.

42. (Original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of Claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

43-47. (Cancelled)

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